

By the Kyng and the Quene.



As much as the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, haue per-
fecte intelligence, that aswell Straungers resortyng hyther, as their
highnes natural subiectes, haue now of late for their great gayne and
lucre, not onely vsed to melte the monies and coignes, of this Realme,
but also to buy and sell the same monyes, & coignes, at and for higher
pyces, and values, then the same be rated, valued and curraunte, by
the lawes, Statutes, and proclamations of this Realme. Whereby

*Against raising
melting
& Exporting the
current coine.*

greate quantities of the sayde monyes and coignes, hath ben, and are
by dyuers persons, in secrete manner, dayly transported, caryed and conueyed out of thys Realme, and
greate quantytie thereof molten, to the great defrauding of their Maiesties Subiectes, dymynishyng
of their hyghnes mony and coigne, and to y^e no lytle impoueryng of the Realme, & more is lyke day-
lye to be, onlesse some spedy remedy be prouyded in that behalfe. Their Maiesties therefore, not onelye
tenderyng the wealth of this their sayde Realme, and their louyng subiectes, of the same, but also to
prouyde remedye herein by this their highnes proclamation, Strayghtly charge and commaund that
no manner of person or persones, whatsoeuer he or they be, doo from henceforth buy or sell anye manner
of money or coigne, of thys Realme, or curraunt within the same, by what name so euer it be called, at or
for any other pyce or value, then the same is valued, rated, and curraunt by the lawes, statutes, or pro-
clamations of this Realme, nor melte any of the sayde monyes, or coignes, vpon payne of their Maie-
sties indignation, and high displeasure. And that aswell the melter as the buyer and seller of suche mo-
nye or coigne, shall forfeyte the same monye and coigne, so boughte, solde, or melted, and to suffer im-
prysonment of his or their bodyes, at their highnes will & pleasure, and further to incurre such paines
penalties and forfeitures, as be in suche case by the lawes and statutes of this Realme appoynted and
prouyded. And to thintent, that such as would go aboute to searche and finde out anye of the offences
aforesayd, may be the better incouraged to do the same, their Maiesties will and pleasure is, that who-
soeuer shall fynde out and dysclose any of the sayd offences, or shall make seafoure of any such monye, or
coigne, bought solde, or molten, contrary to the tenor of thys proclamation, or the lawes or statutes of
thys Realme, in that case made and prouyded, and the same shall lawfully and duelye proue, shall haue
the hole penaltye and forfeiture of euery such offence, geuen assigned or limited, by anye the lawes, or
statutes aforesayd, whych should or ought to accrue to their Maiesties. Prouyded that it shalbe lawe-
full to anye person, to sell the coignes of this Realme, or anye other coigne into anye of the kynges and
Quenes Maiesties myntes, vpon such pyces as their Maiesties there doo geue, And thofficers there
may buy the same, soo to melte and coigne them to their hyghnes vse, any thyng in this presente Pro-
clamation notwithstanding. And moreouer their Maiesties, do strayghtly charge and commaund al
and synguler their Justyces of peace, Mayors, Sheryffes, Baylyffes, Constables, and all other their
hyghnes offycers, and mynysters, to put aswell thys proclamation, as all such good actes, and statutes
in execution, as heretofore haue ben made touchyng the buying and selling, and melting of the kynges
and Quenes Maiesties coigne, of thys Realme. Geuen at our maner of Saynte James, the xxvii.
Day of Apryll.

God saue the Kyng and the Quene.

Excusum Londini in aedibus Iohannis Cawdli,

Typographi Regie Maiestatis.

anno. M. D. L. VI. Cum priuilegio.

Imms 2 et 3 Phil. et. Mar.